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1.0 INTRODUCTION

Project PICS is an investigation of the applicability of perceptrons to automation of certain parts of the photo interpretation task. Particular emphasis is placed on area and object recognition based upon properties derived from two-dimensional power spectra. Accordingly, effort is centered in the following major areas:

- 1) Theoretical and experimental evaluation of the properties which can be derived by optical spatial filtering
- 2) Design and implementation of a recognition system based upon such properties
- 3) Design of optical-electronic spatial filtering equipment
- 4) Research based upon ideas whose immediate applicability cannot be stated, but of potential long-term benefit.

2.0 ACTIVITY AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS DURING APRIL 1964

2.1 Property Evaluation

Continued experiments with the Mark III Spatial Filter Recognition Apparatus are described in the next section.

2.2 Design of Optical Electronic Spatial Filtering Apparatus

Previous reports have described the assembly and test of a line-structure detector based upon scanning and optical filtering techniques. As a final experiment under the current funding, we attempted to remove the effects of non-uniform illumination and non-uniform average density of the object transparency, since these were the major remaining deficiencies of the apparatus in its present form.

A thin sheet of glass was placed at an angle to the optical axis just beyond the Fourier lens to act as a beam splitter. This introduces negligible attenuation in the signal channel but diverts adequate light for average intensity measurement. A photo-multiplier was used as a detector for this reference signal. A logarithmic attenuator was placed in both the signal and reference channels and their outputs subtracted. The resulting signal is thus effectively the log of the ratio of signal intensity to reference intensity. Given adequate illumination this new signal is not affected by illumination or density variations.

Adequate experimental evidence of the workability of this compensation technique was obtained. Photographs of the line-detection performance will appear in the final report.

2.3 Recognition Studies

No work was performed in this area during April.

3.0 PLANS FOR MAY 1964

All project experimental and theoretical effort was terminated at the end of April. Sufficient contract funds remain to write the final report, and this will be the principal activity for the remaining contract period.

4.0 REPORTS

No reports other than the regular monthly letter report were due or issued during April.

A report on work which preceded the current contract period (i.e. up to June 1963) is in preparation and will be issued soon. The final report will then cover the efforts since June 1963.